

A LENGTHY SIEGE

On the Witness Stand for Defendant James R. Hissom.

MAY NOT BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY

His Cross-examination Was of a Close, Searching Character, and the Witness Claimed the Mental Trouble Given Him by His Son Was Responsible for Failure to Recollect Some Exact Details.

When the circuit court convened yesterday morning, Defendant James R. Hissom resumed his testimony in the big damage suit and he sat in the big arm chair all day, and will likely fill it for the greater part of to-day's session. His examination-in-chief was conducted by Mr. Howard, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. Hubbard, who probed him to the core.

Mr. Hissom related many events that induced the lunacy proceedings, and he touched upon the examination of Dr. Hissom, by Dr. E. C. Myers, at the defendant's suggestion.

In the cross-examination, Mr. Hissom was shown the affidavits he made before Squire Greer, and asked as to variances in his testimony about certain events with that given in the present suit. Mr. Hissom said he had been a school teacher, preached for five years, and later an oil man. He resigned the ministry to go to work in the oil fields as a teamster. In his testimony to Mr. Howard, the witness specified that he had been a farmer and oil man, but omitted having been a preacher and school teacher.

Coming to the lunacy proceedings, Mr. Hissom became slightly confused in explaining differences in his affidavits with later testimony, but this might be due, he said, in the lunacy case, at least, to the fact that the justice made a transcript of only the main points. He was interrogated a good deal as to certain phrases in the affidavits made out for him by his attorney at the time, J. W. Ewing, and he would occasionally credit the variance to the time that had since elapsed, and to the many things that had crowded his mind, so that his memory might be possibly at fault on strict interpretations.

Son Got \$1,000, Anyway.

Mr. Hissom was questioned by Mr. Hubbard as to certain expressions in the agreement, drafted at his suggestion, by Attorney J. W. Ewing, for his son to sign. The son was to receive \$1,000 if he signed, but he was given the money later, although he refused to sign. The expression, "disturbed my business affairs," the defendant said meant that his son was trying to get hold of his property. "Disturbed my domestic relations" pertained to the son's attempt to induce his mother to sue for a divorce.

The plaintiff's attorney inquired whether the defendant was not the man who initiated the divorce matter, and he was asked to explain his dealings along this line with Detective R. T. McNichol. Mr. Hissom said a party had suggested to him that his wife's conduct, previous to her marriage, would bear investigation, and that he and his wife, being anxious to run the report down, were favorable to the investigation. Steps were taken to employ McNichol on an investigation at his wife's former places of residence at Huntington and Ashland, but later they decided to drop it. The suggestion was made by an unknown man at Sistersville—and not Squire Henderson—and its purport was that Mrs. Hissom was previously engaged to another man, and was lucky in marrying a prosperous man like the defendant.

Then followed an extended cross-examination about the exciting scenes at the William Hubbard home, on the island, when the defendant alleged the doctor terrified him for hours with a drawn revolver. In his testimony at the lunacy hearing, Mr. Hissom said "for nearly an hour," which he stated was not sufficient time to plaintiff's counsel when his affidavit was produced. The witness was positive the son held him in a room longer, but admitted that fixing the time must be guess work.

The witness excused faults in his memory "on account of having so much trouble and great excitement with his poor son." He failed to remember whether a conversation with

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Mrs. Hissom took place after the return from the Hubbard home, and when shown an affidavit he made out before Judge Paul stating that no such conversation occurred, he said maybe when he so stated his mind was clear on the disputed point, but he charged the clouds now existing on the fact that there was too much to recollect distinctly.

He Took Chances.

When asked why he went hunting with his son if he was afraid of his life, the witness said he took chances. They hunted at Fish Creek Island.

The witness said that while the son refused to sign the agreement spoken of he took the \$1,000 and the father took his word that he would leave home and go south, and failing to do so the son broke faith with him, said the witness. In the estimation of the witness, the son was crazy when he got this money and repeated that he considers him crazy now. Continuing, the father said that not only did the son later demand \$20,000, but an amount much in excess.

Shown a note dated February 2, 1899, the witness was unable to tell where he wrote it, at Sistersville or at home. The note had school exercises on its back, which might have been put on by his daughter Lucy, but the witness said the doctor was a good hand at imitating. The fact of the note being so marked tended to show it had been written by the witness at his home, at a time when he was in Sistersville, according to his testimony in the direct examination.

Some writing on the margin of a copy of the Intelligence, alleged to have been done by the witness at the Howell House, about the time of an interview with his son there, was denied as being his, by the witness. The writing was done with a lead pencil, and the paper, with a sample of Mr. Hissom's signature on a bank check, was submitted to the jury for inspection. The jury were assisted by a large magnifying glass. Other papers written by Mr. Hissom were brought into play.

The witness was subjected to a searching series of questions as to his statement that he was at Moundsville and Sistersville for two weeks previous to February 11, without anything material being brought out, except that the witness wasn't certain whether he made a trip to Wheeling in the mean time.

He was next shown a letter, dated December 26, 1898, from Wheeling to the doctor, who was in Monroe county, Ohio, asking the latter to bring up the gun and dog of witness to Fish Creek Island, as he wanted to hunt. The witness didn't remember whether he intended going to the island and hunt with his son. He didn't know for sure if he was on the island in the following January.

Court adjourned at this stage, and Mr. Hissom will go on the stand again to-day.

RAILROAD INCORPORATED.

Pittsburgh, Connellsville & Wheeling—Capital, \$8,000,000.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 27.—Alex. P. Funk, the new millionaire publisher, obtained here to-day, from the secretary of state, articles of incorporation for the Pittsburgh, Connellsville & Wheeling Railroad Company, which purposes to build a railroad from Majorville, Marshall county, W. Va., through Benwood and Moundsville, in the same county, to Wheeling. The capital stock is \$3,000,000, held by Alex. P. Funk, Edgar A. Holmes and A. C. Brown, of New York, and C. A. Weaver and C. S. McFadden, of Moundsville.

Charters Issued.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 27.—Charters have been issued by the secretary of state to the following concerns:

Weston Petroleum Company, of Parkersburg, composed of R. D. Spillman, H. L. Camden, Robert G. Stiles, Samuel C. Stiles, of Parkersburg; and E. G. Davisson, of Weston. The subscribed capital is \$500, authorized, \$100,000.

Steele Osborn Undertaking Company, of Clarksburg, with subscribed capital of \$50, and authorized capital of \$50,000. The incorporators are Edward L. Steele, Nathan G. Steele, William G. Osborn, Ada E. Osborn, and John Clifford, all of Clarksburg.

Puerto Rican Memorial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A memorial of "protest and petition from the people of Puerto Rico to the Congress



Congressman Howard from Alabama.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, 1899. Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O.: Gentlemen—I have taken Pe-ru-na now for two weeks, and find I am very much relieved. I feel that my cure will be permanent. I have also taken it for la grippe, and I take pleasure in recommending Pe-ru-na as an excellent remedy to all fellow sufferers.

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of the United States," was presented to the senate and house to-day. The petitioners ask that the military be withdrawn, that Puerto Rico be declared an integral part of the United States, that unrestricted free commerce be established between the United States and the island, that American money be substituted for Puerto Rican money, and that a commission be appointed to codify the laws and consider insular interests. The petition is signed by the Puerto Rican delegates in the city.

COUNTRY IS RICH

In Minerals and Timber, but There Are Few Localities Where Whisky Half a Century Old May be Found Under Stone Piles—Other Interesting Items From the University Seat.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 27.—

John Guseman, of Texas, has a jug of whisky fifty years old, which aged in a curious way. When a boy of fifteen he ran away from home and never returned until this week. Before he ran away he bought a gallon jug of whisky and hid it in a stone pile near his home. He went to Texas and became well-to-do, and on his return home thought of the jug he had hidden half a century ago. Yesterday he hunted over the ground and located the spot and found the jug untouched. The whisky, what little is unevaporated, gets a head as big as a soap bubble when shaken, and is as thick as molasses.

The Democratic executive committee of the Third congressional district has agreed upon Montgomery as the place for holding the Third congressional district convention. July 17th was the date fixed. Congressman Johnson will probably be renominated without opposition.

A summer resort will be built by the officials of the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad along its line at a point twelve miles from here. The scenery is the most beautiful and rugged of any to be found in West Virginia.

The steamer James G. Blaine, which sank down the Monongahela river two weeks ago, is being raised and is found to be in good condition, save the hole jammed through her.

RETURN FIRE.

Register's Weston Correspondent Defends Himself.

To the Editor of the Intelligence.

SIR—In Saturday's issue of the Intelligence appears a communication from this place, incorporating therein a petition signed by a number of business men in Weston, which was presented to me on that day. Both the communication and the petition do me great injustice. I do not hesitate to assert that I have at no time made any misrepresentations of the smallpox situation in this locality. I have aimed to report, and believe I have reported, the truth on the subject, and would have no reason or motive whatever to misrepresent the matter. It will be observed that neither in the communication nor the petition is there any specification wherein I have done any injustice to my own people. The sweeping and general charge is made that numerous and unfounded reports upon the subject have been made by me. It is but fair to me and due from the correspondent and signers of the petition to be more specific to state how, when, where and wherein I have misrepresented the matter. I call for specifications. These petitioners assert that there is not a single case of smallpox in Weston. This is true, for the reason that the only cases we had in town were recently moved without the corporate limits to the pest house, provided for the purpose; and yet my friends talk of misrepresentation. I am glad to state the conditions on the subject have improved here, and while I would not misrepresent the situation to the prejudice of my friends, neighbors and myself, I would not suppress the facts through false notions of business interests. My idea has always been that the best and surest way to arrest such a scourge is by vigorous efforts and strict quarantine, and not by suppression of the real facts of the situation.

J. A. MINNICH, Weston, W. Va., Feb. 25.

Pastor Resigned.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. STEUBENVILLE, O., Feb. 27.—Rev. C. W. Cowling, pastor of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church, has resigned, to take effect May 1, on account of his health, and will return to Virginia.

NEW TWO PER CENTS

Cannot be Issued Until the Currency Bill Becomes a Law, but Temporary Receipts Are Given in Anticipation of Bonds to be Issued.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A special to the Journal of Commerce from Washington, says:

The arrangements for issuing the new 2 per cent bonds cannot be actually carried out until after the currency bill becomes law. This will cause a delay of two or three months in the actual issue of the bonds, but temporary receipts of certificates will be given to applicants for exchange pending the engraving and printing of the final documents. Some informal conferences have already been held between Secretary (Vice, Assistant Secretary Venderlip, Treasurer Roberts and Chief Johnson, of the bureau of engraving and printing, in regard to the form and devices of the bonds, but it was not possible under the law, to do any actual work until after final action by both houses of Congress. The proposed substitution of receipts of certificates for the actual bonds will cause no particular embarrassments, except that such receipts will not be negotiable. This will cause little trouble to the banks, because most of their new bonds will remain permanently on deposit with the treasury, as the guarantee of circulation and public money in their hands.

It is not yet known how largely private owners of bonds will offer them for exchange, but it is not supposed that they will be offered largely by those who do not propose to retain the bonds. A circular will be sent to the banks holding bonds as soon as the gold standard bill becomes a law, advising them of the terms upon which exchanges can be made and enclosing blanks to be filled. Every exchange will afford profit to the government, because of the saving in interest from the date of exchange to the maturity of the old bonds, independently of the low rate of interest after the maturity of the old bonds.

The plan will be adopted for the first time of issuing registered bonds for \$50,000 for the use of banks having bonds on deposit in the treasury. It is probable that holders of the registered bonds of the old issues will be allowed to obtain the new 2 per cents in coupon form, if they desire.

THE CARNIVAL OPENED

With Great Pomp and Display at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—In the presence of an immense assemblage on the river front, Rex, King of the Carnival, made his entry into the city to-day. He landed from his royal yacht after a triumphal journey up the river, accompanied by a multitude of steamboats, revenue cutters, light house tenders and tugs, all gay with the king's colors, and all shrieking until their steam whistles were ready to break. The military and the ducks of the realm followed through the business district. At the city hall the king received the keys of the municipality.

The influx of visitors continues and the boarding houses and hotels are now taxed beyond their capacity. The National Editorial Association reached here at 5 o'clock from Baton Rouge, where a committee from New Orleans met them.

MR. SEWALL

Believes in Expansion, but Denies the Interview.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Arthur Sewall, who was the Democratic candidate for vice president in 1896, paid his respects to President McKinley to-day. Mr. Sewall has been to Hawaii on his way to the Philippines, but was prevented from continuing his journey by the plague outbreak. He denied a recent interview, in which he was quoted as forecasting the defeat of the Democratic party this year.

"I did not say anything of the kind without qualification," Mr. Sewall said. "I believe in expansion in a certain way. I believe in keeping Porto Rico and Hawaii and extending to them every law of the United States. Make them territory of this country without discrimination as to tariff or other laws. I also want to keep the Philippines, but I think we should ultimately establish a republic there, with our protection extended over it."

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CALCUTTA, Feb. 26.—The departure of Lumsden's horse to South Africa to-day, was a brilliant event. Immense crowds assembled to bid the troops farewell, the docks were profusely decorated and the highest officials were present, the viceroy and Lady Curzon arriving in state. Lady Curzon received a royal welcome. In his farewell speech the viceroy said:

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